GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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GODAVARI WATER DISPUTE TRIBUNAL
Sethi Shri Arjun Charan

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Polavaram Project is under the technical scrutiny of the Central Water Commission(CWC);

(b) if so, whether the Government of Orissa has made complaints to the Union Government that Andhra Pradesh Government is going ahead in construction of the Dam and Reservoir at Polavaram in violation of the awards given earlier; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) Polavaram (Indira Sagar) Project proposed in State of Andhra Pradesh is causing some apprehensions of losses in the State of Orissa. Inter State Agreement dated 2nd April, 1980 among the Basin States namely Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, (now Chhattisgarh) and Orissa provides for construction of Polavaram Projejct by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. In accordance with updated project report (August, 2005), 12 sqkm area in the territory of Orissa is likely to be submerged in the State of Orissa. The inter state agreement inter-alia provides for either constructing and maintaining protective embankment in Orissa or paying compensation for land and property likely to be affected above FRL 150 feet due to all effects including back water effect at the cost of Polavaram Project.

The Central Government is facilitating to resolve the inter State issues. The Minister of Water Resources has called a meeting of Chief Ministers of party States on 26th September, 2006.